

Loversall Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting 2022/23
Chairman's Report

In 2022 and as we emerged from the Covid Pandemic, Loversall Parish Council resumed face-to-face meetings with all such meetings being published with the required notice on the Council's website. There were no requests from the public to attend. I am pleased to report that meetings were also frequently attended by our two DMBC Ward Councillors, Nigel Cannings and Martin Greenhalgh which has provided us with valuable access and informed opinions concerning any issues, plans or policies arising from DMBC.

During the course of this period traffic issues have remained a constant problem on two fronts. Firstly, the issue of speeding traffic both entering and leaving the village via Bubup Hill. Although this has been alleviated to some extent by a commercial vehicles company vacating their leased premises in the village and the erection of new signage which has discouraged HGVs from entering the village believing it will provide access to the iPort, the problem continues in the form of vehicles using the Nursery and inconsiderate and at times, irresponsible behaviour of walkers, particularly at weekends and Bank Holidays who also park their cars too close to the entrance to Rakes Lane effectively obscuring vision which has resulted in some near misses. On a more positive note, and although long overdue, it is pleasing to finally see that a large section of Hall Baulk Lane has finally been resurfaced after numerous remonstrations by us to the authorities having finally been heeded.

As a consequence of this dramatic increase in the number of walkers there have been complaints that dog fouling has increased and footpaths are being eroded or without signage which in some cases has resulted in unauthorised entry to private property. We are currently addressing both issues and during the remainder of this period we hope to have a dog waste bin in place and DMBC will be working to re-instate signage for designated public footpaths in the village.

In 2021 and at the height of the Pandemic, DMBC's Local Plan went largely unnoticed as it was formally adopted and this means that Loversall remains a Conservation area in which no new development will be permitted unless it is for "Village Infilling" or for the renovation/conversion of existing structures and subject to the granting of the required Planning Permission. We continue to monitor this closely but we are also in contact with DMBC to gain a better understanding of how we can work more closely with them on this issue.

The Council once again met all its statutory requirements and was able to obtain a certificate of exemption from external audit for its annual accounts and additionally did not seek an increase to the Annual Precept.

Looking ahead our priorities will be to continue to work for improved road safety, monitoring of noise nuisance and to liaise closely with DMBC regarding the planned and eventual transfer of the lease covering the lakes area to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

Nigel H Tomlinson

Chairman of Loversall Parish Council

4th May 2023